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News Release

METROLINK WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT MTA PASSES THROUGH THE END OF THE STRIKE

LOS ANGELES, CA, **Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003:** Metrolink officials have decided to continue to accept MTA fare media that was valid on Oct. 14, the first day of the strike, through the end of the strike – even if the valid period of the fare media has expired. This includes MTA passes, MTA weekly passes, MTA bi-weekly passes, and Access Services photo ID cards.

In addition, Metrolink continues to operate the two "Red Line Special" bus routes it has been providing since the strike began.

Route A travels from Union Station all the way out to Vermont Ave. From Vermont Ave. travelers can connect to the DASH Wilshire Center/Koreatown as far as Western Ave.

Route B buses go from Union Station to the ARCO Plaza and on to the 7th Street/Metro Center Red Line Station.

This is no charge for the bus service, which operates Monday through Friday during the MTA strike.

Commuters who need to find alternate transportation are encouraged to call 1-800-COMMUTE and select option 3 for information on ridesharing options.

For up-to-date information on the strike situation, or for train schedules and directions to the nearest Metrolink station check at www.metrolinktrains.com or call (800) 371-LINK.

Metrolink is Southern California's regional commuter rail service and is in its 12th year of operations. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority, a joint powers authority made up of an 11-member board representing the transportation commissions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties, governs the service. Metrolink continues to be one of the nation's fastest growing commuter rail services, operating over seven routes through a six-county 512-mile network.

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